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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/706,172

Applicant(s)

CASTEJON-AMENEDO ET AL.

Examiner

Chuong D. Ngo

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 September 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

2. Claims 1-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 1-30 are directed to computer related inventions for merely performing manipulation and calculation data values to obtain result values. In order for a claimed invention that is directed to such a computer related invention to be statutory, the claimed invention must accomplish a practical application. That is the claimed invention must transform an article or physical object to a different state or thing, or produce a useful, concrete and tangible result. State Street, 149 F.3d at 1373-74, 47 USPQ2d at 1601-02. Also see "Interim Guidelines for Examination of Patent Applications for Patent Subject Matter Eligibility", OG Notices: 22 November 2005. It is clear from claims 1-30 that the claims merely involves calculations and manipulations of data. The claimed inventions do not transform an article or physical object to a different state or thing. The result produced by the inventions do not have a real world value but merely numerical values without a practical application recited in the claims to make the results useful, concrete and tangible. Therefore, the inventions of claims 1-30 are directed to non-statutory subject matter as the claimed inventions fail to accomplish a practical application. Further, because the recitation "the bit stream comprising a random number for use in a consuming process" is only to recite a use of a random number. It does not limit the invention in

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a consuming process. Therefore, the claims still appears to cover every substantial practical application, and thus are directed to a preemption of the claimed data manipulation and calculation.

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 26-30 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kelly et al. (6,728,740).

Kelly et al. discloses in figure 1 a random bit stream generation including accumulating (21) a plurality of hardware (16) driven numbers including timestamp values (see col. 5, lines 3-6), extracting (the extraction of the numbers from latch 21 to seed reg. 14) a portion (entire portion) of each hardware driven number, and combining (14) each extracted portion to form a random bit stream as claimed. It is noted that Kelly et al. does not specifically disclose the use of the random number in a consuming process. However, it would have been an obvious application and/or field of use to a person of ordinary skill in the art to apply teaching of generation of random bit stream of Kelly et al. in a consuming process as claimed.

5. Applicant's arguments filed on 09/07/2007 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

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Regarding the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101, it is respectfully submitted that the recitation "the bit stream comprising a random number for use in a consuming process" fails to render the invention statutory because it does not constitute a practical application for the invention in a consuming process. Further, the recitation does not prevent the claims from covering every substantial practical application. Thus, the claimed invention is still directed to a preemption of the claimed data manipulation and calculation. The examiner suggests to change this recitation to -- wherein the bit stream is used for encrypting data in a consuming process - - to overcome the rejection.

Regarding the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), it is respectfully submitted that since claims 26-30 do not recite "the portion less than the whole of each hardware driven number" as that recited in claim 1, the phrase "a portion" also over a whole or entire portion. The examiner suggest to add the limitation "the portion less than the whole of each hardware driven number" as that in claim 1 to overcome the rejection.

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event,

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however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chuong D. Ngo whose telephone number is (571) 272-3731. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on (571) 272-3756. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner
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